

The Insider

Movers and Seekers opens February 26

Everyone who has lived in what is now Michigan has roots somewhere else.

With this in mind, the Michigan Historical Museum created *Movers and Seekers: Michigan Immigrants and Migrants*, a new special exhibit that looks at the experiences, dreams and challenges of people who made Michigan their new home in the 20th century. The exhibit opens to the public on Saturday, February 26, 2005.

Movers and Seekers celebrates the diversity of backgrounds in Michigan's communities. "By understanding others' stories, we will come to better understand our own," says Martha Aladjem Climo, a member of the museum education staff and the *Movers and Seekers* exhibit team.

The exhibit features the stories of European, Middle Eastern, Mexican American, African American and Asian "movers and seekers." Some arrived in Michigan seeking jobs or education; others came as adoptees and still others were refugees escaping war or religious or ethnic persecution. Their oral histories, three-dimensional objects, historic documents and vintage photographs help make the connection between real-life people and Michigan's social history.

Inevitably, Michigan's heritage of ethnic, religious and cultural diversity could not be confined within the boundaries of the museum's special exhibit gallery. "There is so much in *Movers and Seekers* that is inspirational," says Phillip C. Kwiatkowski, director

of the Michigan Historical Museum System, "that we've been inspired to offer a variety of avenues for visitors to celebrate this rich diversity with us. We are very pleased to be partnering with community organizations to bring symposiums, documentaries and even an ethnic festival to the Michigan Historical Museum." (See sidebar for list).



In addition, plans are under way for a series of ethnic craft workshops for adults. Children aged 9 through 12 will discover ethnic crafts at the museum's 2005 Summer Sizzles day camp. Visit the Michigan Historical Center at www.michiganhistory.org for the latest information on exhibit-related events.

Movers and Seekers: Michigan Immigrants and Migrants evolved out of a project that began in 1999 with a grant from the Ameritech Corporation. The exhibit is sponsored, in part, by the Esther and Seymour Padnos Fund of the Community Foundation of the Holland/Zeeland Area, The Louis and Helen Padnos Foundation, the Friends of Michigan History and the Michigan Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Michigan Historical Museum is located inside the Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 West Kalamazoo Street, Lansing. The museum and visitor parking are on the north side of Kalamazoo Street, two blocks east of M. L. King Jr. Boulevard. Admission and weekend parking are free.

Future Mission

A Soldier's Life in Michigan

opens November 6, 2005
at the
Michigan Historical Museum

- Explore the daily life of Michigan's soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen through the places where they lived, worked and trained.
- Find out how military life has changed in Michigan, and what has stayed the same.
- Follow changes in missions and technology during the past two centuries.

Exhibit Events

February 27, 2005

Post 9/11: Meet Michigan Movers and Seekers. A symposium bringing together people featured in the *Movers and Seekers* exhibit. 1:00 to 3:00 P.M.

April 9, 2005

Daughter from Danang. A special showing of this award-winning film. Sponsored by the MSU Asian Studies Center. 1:00 P.M.

April 16, 2005

Beyond the Melting Pot: Asian Adoptees in the 21st Century. A daylong symposium

integrating contemporary research on international adoption and Asian American adoptees. Includes a screening of *First Person Plural*, a film that explores international and trans-racial adoption over the past several decades. Sponsored by MSU Asian Studies Center. 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

May 7, 2005

Ethnic Fest. An ethnic festival featuring the music of Josh White Jr., the Klezmer Fusion Band and Tanya Stanaway. Ethnic dance, crafts, food and much more! 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

One gown, three brides

Jean Clark Buchler donated the wedding gown, veil and gloves that she wore when she married in June 1948 in Alpena. Jean made the gown herself.

The material for the dress was “the heaviest satin I could buy,” she recalled. “I broke at least two needles making it.”

Three months after Buchler’s wedding, her sister Gayle wore the same gown for her walk down the aisle.

Thirty-four years later, Buchler’s son modified the wedding gown for his sister Anne, who became the third bride to wear the satin dress when she married in July 1982.

Without a granddaughter to wear the gown she had made, Buchler submitted her wedding ensemble to the museum’s donation committee. The museum accepted her donation, in part, because of the gown’s wonderful story. See photos of all three brides on our web site:

www.michiganhistory.org.

Your family history is part of Michigan history. Consider making an artifact donation to the Michigan Historical Museum. For more information, contact curator of collections and exhibits Eve Weipert, or send e-mail to weiperte@michigan.gov. You can also visit www.michiganhistory.org and click on “Donate, Volunteer, Support” in the left-hand column.



Jean Clark Buchler on her wedding day in 1948. Today, the wedding ensemble she wore is part of the Michigan Historical Museum collections.

Also new to the museum collections:

- * Four country guidebooks
- * New Testament
- * Soldier’s missal
- * Two wrenches — Mark Popma
- * Seven rewards of merit
- * School certificate of promotion, dated 1882
- * Certificate of membership in Michigan Teachers’ Institutes, dated 1886 — Joanne Harvey
- * Hair brooch, dating to ca. 1860s
- * Shipping tag from Charlotte Cemetery Company — Rosemary Lea
- * Bronze bust of Governor Hazen Pingree — James C. Perkins

Statehood Day a success

On January 23, 2005, visitors hungry for a unique history experience—and a good meal—braved post-snowstorm conditions to attend Statehood Day events at the Michigan Historical Museum in downtown Lansing.

Statehood Day commemorates Michigan’s entry into the Union on January 26, 1837. The museum’s celebration features a reservations-only brunch and silent auction that serves as a fundraiser for museum education programs. This year, the event tantalized participants with dishes that were popular in the 1850s, including roast beef, salmon, corn pancakes and blancmange. Take note that next year’s Statehood Day event will feature a menu from the Civil War era.

The Michigan Historical Museum wishes to thank the following individuals and organizations for their donations to the third annual Statehood Day silent auction.

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The Village Florist, Milford



Museum volunteer Abby Richmond enjoys an 1850s meal while listening to musician Robert McCloy at the 2005 Statehood Day Brunch and Silent Auction.

Winter Fun at the Michigan Historical Center

February 26

Boogie for Your Badge. A Junior Girl Scout workshop - preregistration required. Michigan Historical Museum, Lansing. 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

March 10

Doing Research at the State Archives of Michigan. Part of the State Archives of Michigan 2005 Genealogy Series. Michigan Library and Historical Center, Lansing. 3 to 4 P.M.

March 12

Her Story. A Brownie Girl Scout workshop - preregistration required. Michigan Historical Museum, Lansing. 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

April 9

World Neighbors. A Junior Girl Scout workshop - preregistration required. Michigan Historical Museum, Lansing. 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

May 7

Let's Pretend. A Brownie Girl Scout workshop - preregistration required. Michigan Historical Museum, Lansing. 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

May 12

Military Records at the State Archives. Part of the State Archives of Michigan 2005 Genealogy Series. Michigan Library and Historical Center, Lansing. 3 to 4 P.M.

Call for Swainson Award nominations



Governor John B. Swainson

The Michigan Historical Commission is currently accepting nominations for the Governor John B. Swainson Award. The award recognizes state, county and municipal employees not in the history field who have contributed to the preservation of Michigan history. The recipient will be recognized at a ceremony in Lansing during Michigan Week (May 21 - 27).

The Michigan Historical Commission established the Governor John B. Swainson Award in 1996 in honor of Michigan's fortieth governor. Devoted to public service, Swainson was among a small group of public officials who have served in all three branches of state government. Swainson's last role in public service was that of president of the Michigan Historical Commission, a post he held at his death in 1994.

Nominations for the Governor John B. Swainson Award are due March 1, 2005. For more information and the nomination form, visit the Michigan Historical Center home page at www.michiganhistory.org.

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Friends of Michigan History 2004 Annual Report

The Friends of Michigan History, Inc., enjoyed a banner year in 2004. Members' contributions of time, creativity and financial support led to the successes outlined below.

MEMBERSHIP

Friends membership increased nearly 200%, reaching 838 as of December 8, 2004. The phenomenal increase is due, in part, to higher levels of public awareness, stepped-up direct marketing efforts and a new partnership with State Employees Credit Union that makes Friends eligible for SECU membership.

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Sponsored the ninth annual Veterans Tribute and Massing of the Colors; presented "Play Ball! The Gals Can Do It All," a daylong event featuring the history of women's baseball and softball in Michigan; and presented "An Evening with the Big Three," a special evening fund-raising reception featuring actors portraying auto industry founders Henry Ford, William Durant and Walter Chrysler. These programs were conceived, created and directed by Friends.

SUPPORT

In 2004, the Friends contributed more than \$14,300 in direct support to the Michigan Historical Center. This support aided the Michigan

Historical Museum System and the State Archives of Michigan in furthering their respective missions as highlighted below.

Museum Education Programs

- Provided financial support for Michigan Statehood Day event and activities
- Provided financial support for Michigan Archaeology Day event and activities
- Provided financial support for the Summer Sizzles day camp

Museum Exhibits

- Provided financial support for the development of the special exhibit *Tommaso Juglaris: A Capitol Artist*
- Co-hosted the *Juglaris* opening reception
- Hosted a welcome dinner for the exhibit's visiting Italian delegation

Other Support

- Provided financial support for the Michigan Historical Museum docent program
- Provided financial support for ongoing conservation of a collection of historic maps at the State Archives of Michigan

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Museum welcomes new collections historian

Eric Perkins is the newest staff member at the Michigan Historical Museum. He recently became the third collections historian in the museum's collections unit.

Perkins is no stranger to the museum. While he was earning an M.A. specializing in historical archaeology from Michigan State University, he worked in the Office of the State Archaeologist, one of the museum's sister agencies within the Michigan Historical Center. In 2000, Perkins landed a limited-term position in the collection unit to help inventory the museum's military holdings.

Now, as a collections historian, Perkins wears several different hats. In addition to accepting and cataloging donations to museum collections, he is involved in several exhibits projects. He has joined museum staff artist Rich Geer in building a diorama of Fort Wilkins that will be completed this spring; is planning exhibits for Tawas Point Lighthouse, the newest site in the Michigan Historical Museum System; and is coordinating the next temporary exhibit at the Michigan Historical Museum, *A Soldier's Life*.

In Perkins's off-work hours, the Okemos resident enjoys heading to the Upper Peninsula, where he earned his undergraduate degree. "I like to get back to the U.P. whenever I can," he says, "to go backpacking, or to just sit and look at the water."



New collections historian Eric Perkins works on a diorama of Fort Wilkins, a Michigan Historical Museum System site in Copper Harbor.

Next Friends meeting: Monday, March 14, 2005